

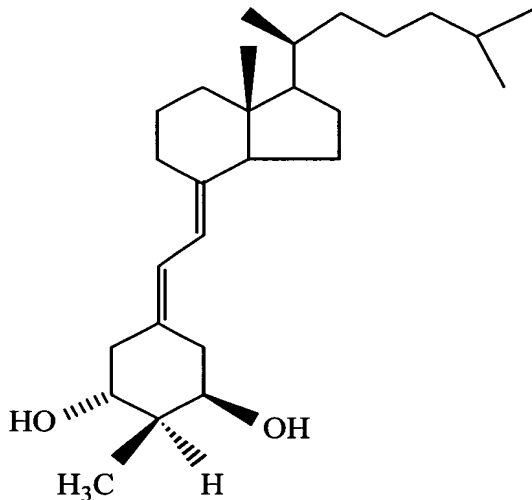
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Please cancel claims 30-32 and rewrite claim 29 as follows:

1-28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a metabolic bone disease where it is desired to maintain or increase bone mass comprising orally administering to a patient with said disease an effective amount of (20S)-1 α -



hydroxy-2 α -methyl-19-nor-vitamin D₃ having the formula:

30-32. (Canceled)

33. (Original) The method of claim 29 wherein (20S)-1 α -hydroxy-2 α -methyl-19-nor-vitamin D₃ is administered in a dosage of from about 0.01 μ g/day to about 100 μ g/day.

34. (Original) The method of claim 29 wherein the disease is senile osteoporosis.

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35. (Original) The method of claim 29 wherein the disease is postmenopausal osteoporosis.

36. (Original) The method of claim 29 wherein the disease is steroid-induced osteoporosis.

37. (Original) The method of claim 29 wherein the disease is low bone turnover osteoporosis.

38. (Original) The method of claim 29 wherein the disease is osteomalacia.

39-77. (Canceled)